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SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

October 8, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood
c/o American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Two or three days ago I had a letter from a gentleman in the Island of Guam by the name of H. F. Bowker, who wrote about desiring to edit Mr. Ramsden's correspondence with the late Mr. John Robinson on Eastern coins. Mr. Bowker is primarily interested in Eastern coins and has a large collection. In going over Mr. Robinson's correspondence, I find some from you stating that you also had some correspondence with Mr. Ramsden and had thought something of having it published. I would like to know if you have any knowledge of Mr. Bowker and if he is a proper person to do this work?

Would you in any way care to cooperate?

Very truly yours,

Howard Corning

Howard Corning
Secretary

Oct. 13, 1937

Mr. Howard Corning, Secretary,
Essex Institute,
Salem, Mass.

Dear Mr. Corning:

I do not remember ever hearing of the name of Mr. H. F. Bowker. I have here all of my correspondence with Mr. Ramsden but most of it was of a business nature and is not worth publishing. Mr. Ramsden wrote to Mr. Robinson especially for ultimate publication.

If you wish you could give Mr. Bowker my name and address and if he writes me I would be very glad to answer him.

As you may know, Mr. Robinson had three, I think, copies made and bound up of this correspondence. One I have and I think there is one in the Essex Institute.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

THE ESSEX INSTITUTE
SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

October 14, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you for your letter. Had you by any possibility any idea of annotating and publishing Mr. Robinson's correspondence with Mr. Ramsden? It seems to me that this is a fitting subject for publication in our Historical Collections, with a few deprints for later circulation, if the proper person were found to edit it.

Very truly yours,

Howard Corning

Howard Corning
Secretary

Oct. 15, 1937

Mr. Howard Corning,
The Essex Institute,
Salem, Mass.

Dear Mr. Corning:

In reply to yours of the 14th, would say I have never thought of annotating or publishing Mr. Robinson's correspondence with Mr. Ramsden. As a matter of fact, I thought he had indexed the book very well and as I have done little on Chinese coins for about twenty-five years, I would not think of attempting to make any further notes.

It would be a rather expensive publication. I think the Essex Institute must have one of the type-written copies beside the bound, original correspondence. Unfortunately there were but two or three copies of these made. At the present time there is no one in this country who is a good student of ancient Chinese coins.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks